

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is

sought on the invention entitled MOLTEN METAL TRANSPORTING CONTAINER

the specification of which:

(a) is attached hereto; or

(b) was filed on _____ as Application

No. _____ or Express Mail No., as Application No. not yet known _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable); or

(c) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No.

PCT/JP2004/010900 filed on July 23, 2004

and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____

(if any) and/or under PCT Article 34 on _____ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, design or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, design or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed for the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 U.S.C. § 119
Japan	2003-428094	24/12/2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S.A. Application(s)

Application No.: _____ Filing Date: _____ Status: _____

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint the registrants of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, 2040 Main Street, 14th Floor, Irvine, California 92614, Telephone (949) 760-0404, Customer No. 20,995.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Full name of seventh inventor: _____

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ASSIGNMENTWHEREAS, I/WE (1) UKAJI Bunji,a Japanese citizen, residing at c/o YOKI CO., LTD., 1, Kitayama, Hokoji-cho, Nishio-shi, Aichi 4450892, Japan(2) OGAWA Kenji,a Japanese citizen, residing at c/o DAIKI ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY CO., LTD., 46, Minamikyuhoji 3-chome, Yao-shi, Osaka 5810076, Japan(3) MATSUMOTÔ Toshiyuki,a Japanese citizen, residing at c/o CHUO CERAMIC CO., LTD., 5-1159, Kozoji-cho Kita, Kasugai-shi, Aichi 4870016, Japan(4) KATO Tsunehiro,a Japanese citizen, residing at c/o CHUO CERAMIC CO., LTD., 5-1159, Kozoji-cho Kita, Kasugai-shi, Aichi 4870016, Japan(5) UEMOTO Kazuyoshi,a Japanese citizen, residing at c/o NIPPON CRUCIBLE CO., LTD., 5-1159, Kozoji-cho Kita, Kasugai-shi, Aichi 4870016, Japan

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a _____ citizen, residing at _____

(7) _____,

a _____ citizen, residing at _____

(8) _____,

a _____ citizen, residing at _____

hereinafter referred to as Assignor (collectively if more than one inventor is listed above), have invented certain new and useful improvements in MOLTEN METAL TRANSPORTING CONTAINER

the specification of which:

(a) is attached hereto; or

(b) was filed on _____ as Application No. _____ or Express Mail No., as Application No. not yet known _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable); or

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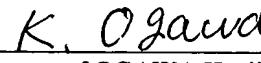
AND WHEREAS, 1) NIPPON CRUCIBLE CO., LTD., and 2) DAIKI ALUMINUM INDUSTRY CO., LTD.,
1) 21-3, Ebisu 1-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 1500013, Japan; and
with its principal place of business at 2) 46, Minamikyuuji 3-chome, Yao-shi, Osaka 5810076, Japan,
(hereinafter referred to as Assignee) desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said
improvements with respect to the United States of America, its territories and possessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the United States of America, and its territories and possessions in, to and under said improvements, and any Patent Applications in the United States of America and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States of America which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions; and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue all Patents for said improvements to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY covenants and agrees that it will communicate to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to it respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in the United States of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed its signature.

This 24th day of May, 2006 
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This 24th day of May, 2006 
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This 24th day of May, 2006 
Signature of MATSUMOTO Toshiyuki

This 24th day of May, 2006 K. KATO
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Signature of UEMOTO Kazuyoshi

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